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Respectfully submitted,

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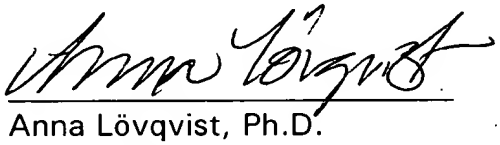

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Gephardt hypothesized that the areas that appear dark on the long bone shaft transverse sections under polarizing light consists of collagen bundles parallel to the bone axis and the axis of the microscope, and that the areas that appear light consists of collagen bundles perpendicular to the bone axis and to the axis of the microscope.

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